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For: DEVICE FOR BINDING OF :  
PULP BALES :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the attached revised Specification. The revised Specification is provided both as marked to show revisions and in finalized form.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the claim and add new claims 2-6 as follows.

2. (NEW) Apparatus for binding bales with wire comprising feed means for feeding and tightening said wire, a guide for guiding said wire fed by said feed means around said bale, wire processing means for cutting, tightening and twisting the ends of said wire, a take-up unit for taking up a slack loop in said wire created by said tightening of said wire, and spring-

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